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In re Application of:

Elke SCHLOSSER, et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee for the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A flame retardant combination comprising, as component A, a phosphinate of the formula (I) and/or a diphosphinate of the formula (II) and/or polymers of these

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

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